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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA QUESTION IN UN

1. TOMOHIKO KOBAYASHI, DIRECTOR OF UN POLITICAL DIVISION OF GAIMUSHO, CALLED ON DEP. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEEEN DECEMBER 15 TO REVIEW KOREA QUESTION AND EXCHANGE INFORMAL VIEWS ON WHERE TO GO FROM HERE. GLEYSTEEEN, KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR O'DONOHUE AND KRIEBEL (UNP) OUTLINED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS, RANGING FROM REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S EFFORT TO INTRODUCTION OF SOME NEW ELEMENTS (I.E. DISSOLUTION OF UNC), DISCUSSING PROBLEMS INHERENT IN EACH, EITHER IN UN CONTEXT OR ON GROUND IN KOREA. GLEYSTEEEN DESCRIBED RISKS INVOLVED IN UNILATERAL UNC DISSOLUTION, NOTING THAT WITH ENSUING VITIATION OF ARMISTICE THERE COULD BE REAL POSSIBILITY OF ARMED CONFRONTATION. THUS, WHILE
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THERE COULD BE POSITIVE RESULTS IN NEW YORK FROM UNILATERAL

UNC DISSOLUTION, THESE HAD TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE EFFECTS IN KOREA ITSELF.

2. KOBAYASHI EMPHASIZED THAT GOJ PLANNING ON THIS ISSUE IS ONLY IN EARLY STAGES. HE THOUGHT THAT UN ENVIRONMENT NEXT TIME AROUND IS LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST AS INHOSPITABLE AS THIS YEAR, AND NOTED STRONG GOJ DISTASTE FOR REPEAT OF

THIS YEAR'S EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH PROSPECTS FOR AVOIDING SIMILAR CONFRONTATION SEEMED DIM. KOBAYASHI WAS TAKEN BY IDEA OF "MIDDLE-GROUND" RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD BE SPONSORED BY MODERATE NON-ALIGNEDS (E.G., ASEAN, SCANDI-NAVIANS) WITHOUT OVERT ASSOCIATION OF MAJOR ROK SUPPORTERS, WHICH COULD HOPEFULLY PREEMPT ANOTHER HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHAT CONTENT OF SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE, AND AGREED THAT TO BE AT ALL ACCEPTABLE TO DPRK AND SUPPORTERS IT MAY HAVE TO INCLUDE ELEMENTS WE WOULD FIND OBJECTIONABLE. NONETHELESS, KOBAYASHI THOUGHT THIS TACTIC HELD ONLY REAL PROSPECT FOR AVOIDING ANOTHER BRUISING FIGHT IN UNGA, PARTICULARLY IF IT WERE PRECEDED BY UNILATERAL UNC DISSOLUTION.

3. GLEYSTEN EMPHASIZED THAT WE TOO ARE IN EARLY PLANNING STAGES, BUT WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GOJ AS WE PROCEED.

4. COMMENT: KOBAYASHI'S VIEWS IN GENERAL REFLECTED HEALTHY QUOTA OF REALISM; HE RECOGNIZES THAT CHANCES OF AVOIDING ANOTHER UNGA CONFRONTATION ARE NOT GOOD AND THAT THERE DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH ANY COURSE ADOPTED. INGERSOLL

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